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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: TSB HANDLING OF CERTAIN BILATERALS

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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

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FALL INCLUDE RESTRAINTS ON LINEN AND PERHAPS SILK. WE
HAVE ALSO HEARD, ALTHOUGH NOT CONFIRMED, THAT CANADIANS ARE
TRYING TO CONCLUDE TEXTILE BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS
WHICH MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE LEATHER PRODUCTS.

2. US SIDE TOLD EUROPEANS THAT WHILE WE COULD NOT OBJECT
TO THEIR NEGOTIATING RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS ON SUCH PRODUCTS

AS LINEN AND SILK, THEY COULD NOT INCLUDE THOSE RESTRAINTS IN A BILATERAL CONCLUDED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE MFA AS ARTICLE 12 PARA ONE SPECIFICALLY LIMITS RESTRAINT COVERAGE TO TEXTILE AND APPAREL PRODUCTS OF COTTON, WOOL, AND MAN-MADE FIBERS. HENCE, THE US SIDE URGED THE EUROPEANS TO EXCISE OUT FROM ANY AGREEMENT SUBMITTED TO THE TSB ANY RESTRAINTS ON LINEN AND/OR SILK; OTHERWISE, WE WOULD HAVE TO RAISE TECHNICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL OBJECTIONS.

3. EC COMMISSION LAWYER ABATTE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION IMMEDIATELY AND DID NOT DISAGREE. HE INDICATED HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM AND, WE INFERRED, INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCISING OUT THE LINEN/SILK RESTRAINTS FROM THE BILATERALS THEY WILL SUBMIT TO THE TSB FOR REVIEW.

4. THERE IS, IN OUR VIEW, A REAL DANGER IF BILATERALS NEGOTIATED UNDER THE MFA AND ITS COVERAGE ARE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE PRODUCTS NOT ENVISIONED UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE MFA. CERTAIN INTERESTS IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD LOVE TO SEE LEATHER, SHOES, AND OTHER SIMILAR COMMODITIES UNDER THIS SORT OF UMBRELLA, AND WE WISH TO OPPOSE ANY SUCH OPENINGS. HENCE, THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE APPROPRIATE COMMISSION OFFICIALS, RESTATING OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE INCLUSION OF NON-MFA TEXTILE ITEMS IN BILATERALS NEGOTIATED UNDER THE MFA, AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THEIR EXCISION BEFORE THE BILATERALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE SUBMITTED TO THE TSB. THE EC SHOULD ALSO BE REALERTED THAT WE WILL BE FORCED INTO A POSITION OF OPPOSING ANY OF THEIR BILATERALS WHICH INCLUDE PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 12. VANCE

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